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\* Changes to the program for the Boston meeting

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The following changes have been made to the Annual Meeting program that was announced in SSILA Bulletin #198.

(1) Session 5, Language Documentation and Revitalization, originally scheduled for Friday, January 9, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, has been moved to Saturday, January 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. The sequence of papers in this session has not been changed: Berge & Holton, Brody, Marlett & Marlett, Blevins & Arellano, Blake et al, Poser, Wright-Tekastiaks, and Shaul. This change was made to avoid a scheduling conflict with an LSA session on language endangerment.

(2) Session 11, Inflection and Derivation, originally scheduled for





<http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/NNL/>

This 194 page monograph is the sixth in a series published by Northern Arizona University focusing on the revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures. It includes papers from the 8th annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages conference held in Flagstaff, Arizona, in 2001, the 9th annual conference held in Bozeman, Montana, in 2002, and the 10th annual conference held in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, in 2003.

"Nurturing Native Languages" focuses on immersion language teaching methods, the use of technology in language revitalization, and other topics related to current efforts among Indigenous peoples to reclaim their linguistic and cultural heritages so they can live better lives in our modern world. It is edited by Jon Reyhner, Octaviana Trujillo, Roberto Carrasco and Louise Lockard.

--Jon Reyhner, Professor  
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199.3 Upcoming Meetings  
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From Shannon West (shanwest@uvic.ca) 17 Oct 2003:

The 9th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 9) will be held at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, February 6-8, 2004. The central objective of the WSCLA workshops is to bring together linguists who are engaged in research on the formal study of the Aboriginal languages of the Americas so that they may exchange ideas across theories, language families, generations of scholars, and importantly, across the academic and non-academic communities who are involved in language maintenance and revitalization.

This year the organizers invite papers that address the theme "Inside and Outside the Lexicon," although papers in any of the core areas of formal linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) within any formal theoretical framework will also be considered.

While the lexicon and its interaction with other components of grammar remains a primary concern of all linguists, the interest of this theme for the Workshop depends on a structural property that distinguishes many languages of the Americas on the one hand from the Indo-European type on the other: complexity of word formation. Theoretical issues arise concerning the bounds of lexical items, as defined in terms of their components of either sound or meaning; the categorization and identification of word roots, affixes, and clitics; the formation processes for lexical items; and the articulation of lexical structures with phonological and syntactic structure.

Invited speakers:

--Carrie Dyck, Memorial University of Newfoundland, will talk on the phonological domain of word and intonational phrase in Cayuga.

--Lisa Matthewson, University of British Columbia, will talk on invariant syntax and the semantic properties of functional elements.

--Jerrold Sadock, University of Chicago, will talk on lexicalization and lexical productivity in polysynthetic languages.

Invited student speaker:

--Leora Bar-El, University of British Columbia, will talk on lexical verb classes and aspect in Skwxwu7mesh (Salishan).

Following the tradition of this workshop, we dedicate the final day to a linking between research on structural topics and contributions to language preservation and revitalization. This year the theme of the final day will be "Dictionaries and communities."

Invited panelists:

--Carrie Dyck (compiler of a Cayuga dictionary)  
--Peter Jacobs (compiler of a Squamish dictionary)  
--Patrick Moore (compiler of a Kaska Dictionary)  
--Peter Brand [to be confirmed] (originator of 'FirstVoices' project on community language archiving)

The panelists' presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion on this topic by all workshop participants.

Please submit a one-page abstract (a second page with references and extra examples may be included). Abstracts should be submitted in four copies, at least one of which should be camera-ready. Abstracts may be submitted by e-mail attachment to:

wscla9@uvic.ca

preferably in .pdf, Word, Rich Text Format, or WordPerfect formats, in descending order of preference. All submissions should provide the following items of information separate from the abstract itself:

1. name
2. address
3. affiliation
4. telephone number
5. e-mail address
6. status (faculty/graduate student/postdoc/independent scholar)

Abstracts sent by snail-mail should be addressed to:

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